

1-1 By: Rodriguez S.B. No. 1719
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2013; March 25, 2013, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Economic Development;
1-4 April 22, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,
1-5 Nays 0; April 22, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Deuell	X		
1-9	Hancock	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Davis	X		
1-12	Eltife		X	
1-13	Fraser		X	
1-14	Watson	X		

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to the construction, remodeling, or rehabilitation of
1-18 certain hotel projects.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subdivision (8), Section 2303.003, Government
1-21 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-22 (8) "Qualified hotel project" means:

1-23 (A) a hotel proposed to be constructed by a
1-24 municipality or a nonprofit municipally sponsored local government
1-25 corporation created under the Texas Transportation Corporation
1-26 Act, Chapter 431, Transportation Code, that is within 1,000 feet of
1-27 a convention center owned by a municipality having a population of
1-28 1,500,000 or more, including shops, parking facilities, and any
1-29 other facilities ancillary to the hotel; and

1-30 (B) a hotel proposed to be constructed,
1-31 remodeled, or rehabilitated by a municipality or a nonprofit
1-32 municipally sponsored local government corporation created under
1-33 the Texas Transportation Corporation Act, Chapter 431,
1-34 Transportation Code, that is within 3,000 feet of the property line
1-35 of a convention center owned by a municipality having a population
1-36 of more than 500,000 and that borders the United Mexican States.

1-37 SECTION 2. Subsection (b), Section 2303.5055, Government
1-38 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-39 (b) A municipality with a population of 1,500,000 or more or
1-40 a municipality having a population of more than 500,000 and that
1-41 borders the United Mexican States may agree to guarantee from hotel
1-42 occupancy taxes the bonds or other obligations of a municipally
1-43 sponsored local government corporation created under the Texas
1-44 Transportation Corporation Act, Chapter 431, Transportation Code,
1-45 [~~Article 15281, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes~~] that were issued
1-46 or incurred to pay the cost of construction, remodeling, or
1-47 rehabilitation of a qualified hotel project.

1-48 SECTION 3. Subdivision (2), Section 351.001, Tax Code, is
1-49 amended to read as follows:

1-50 (2) "Convention center facilities" or "convention
1-51 center complex" means facilities that are primarily used to host
1-52 conventions and meetings. The term means civic centers, civic
1-53 center buildings, auditoriums, exhibition halls, and coliseums
1-54 that are owned by the municipality or other governmental entity or
1-55 that are managed in whole or part by the municipality. In a
1-56 municipality with a population of 1.5 million or more, "convention
1-57 center facilities" or "convention center complex" means civic
1-58 centers, civic center buildings, auditoriums, exhibition halls,
1-59 and coliseums that are owned by the municipality or other
1-60 governmental entity or that are managed in part by the
1-61 municipality, hotels owned by the municipality or a nonprofit

2-1 municipally sponsored local government corporation created under
2-2 Chapter 431, Transportation Code, within 1,000 feet of a convention
2-3 center owned by the municipality, or a historic hotel owned by the
2-4 municipality or a nonprofit municipally sponsored local government
2-5 corporation created under Chapter 431, Transportation Code, within
2-6 one mile of a convention center owned by the municipality. The term
2-7 includes parking areas or facilities that are for the parking or
2-8 storage of conveyances and that are located at or in the vicinity of
2-9 other convention center facilities. The term also includes a hotel
2-10 owned by or located on land that is owned by an eligible central
2-11 municipality or by a nonprofit corporation acting on behalf of an
2-12 eligible central municipality and that is located within 1,000 feet
2-13 of a convention center facility owned by the municipality. The term
2-14 also includes a hotel proposed to be constructed, remodeled, or
2-15 rehabilitated by a municipality or a nonprofit municipally
2-16 sponsored local government corporation created under Chapter 431,
2-17 Transportation Code, that is within 3,000 feet of the property line
2-18 of a convention center owned by a municipality having a population
2-19 of more than 500,000 and that borders the United Mexican States.

2-20 SECTION 4. Subsection (a), Section 351.102, Tax Code, is
2-21 amended to read as follows:

2-22 (a) Subject to the limitations provided by this subchapter,
2-23 a municipality may pledge the revenue derived from the tax imposed
2-24 under this chapter for the payment of bonds that are issued under
2-25 Section 1504.002(a), Government Code, for one or more of the
2-26 purposes provided by Section 351.101 or, in the case of a
2-27 municipality of 1,500,000 or more or a municipality having a
2-28 population of more than 500,000 and that borders the United Mexican
2-29 States, for the payment of principal of or interest on bonds or
2-30 other obligations of a municipally sponsored local government
2-31 corporation created under Chapter 431, Transportation Code, that
2-32 were issued to pay the cost of the acquisition and construction of a
2-33 convention center hotel or the cost of acquisition, remodeling, or
2-34 rehabilitation of a historic hotel structure; provided, however,
2-35 such pledge may only be that portion of the tax collected at such
2-36 hotel.

2-37 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-38 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-39 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-40 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-41 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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